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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Presidential.

For President—THEODORE ROOSEVELT, of New York.

For Vice President—CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS, of Indiana.

Congressional.

For Representative in Congress, 11th Congressional District—ARCHIBALD B. DARRAGH.

State.

For Governor—FRED M. WARNER, of Farmington.

For Lieutenant Governor—ALEXANDER MATHIAS, of Saginaw.

For State Treasurer—FRANK P. GLAZIER, of Chelsea.

For Secretary of State—GEORGE A. PRESOTT, of Tawas City.

For Auditor General—DIE J. B. BRADLEY, of Eaton Rapids.

For Attorney General—CHARLES A. BLAIR, of Jackson.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction—P. H. KELLY, of Detroit.

For Member of the State Board of Education—L. L. WRIGHT, of Ironwood.

For Land Commissioner—W. H. DORSE, of Clinton.

Senatorial.

For Senator—T. A. ELY, of Alma.

Representative.

For Representative—J. W. HOLMES, of Arenac County.

Judges of Probate.

For Judge—FRANK S. SEABER, of Fulton.

For Sheriff—

For Sheriff—E. B. KELLY, of Ithaca.

For Clerks—

For Clerk—C. J. CHAMBERS, of New Haven.

For Treasurers—

For Treasurer—FREDERICK SMITH, of Washington.

For Treasurer—JOHN W. DORSE, of St. Louis.

For Treasurer—W. R. SALL, of Ithaca.

For Circuit Court Commissioners—

For Commissioner—ABRIOT WILSON, of St. Louis.

For Commissioner—WALTER SHAW, of Ithaca.

For Supervisors—

For Supervisor—HANSO J. FRANK, of Pine River.

For Coroners—

For Coroner—J. H. HUNTER, of Ithaca.

For Coroner—D. L. A. HALL, of White.

As a politician Justin S. Stearns must now be considered "dead."

WEST VIRGINIA aspires to be known as the mother of vice-presidents.

JUSTUS S. STEARNS may now have the distinguished honor of going "way back and sit down."

With no sore spots to heal up, the county ticket should roll up a majority that would be a record breaker.

The ticket named at Ithaca Tuesday should, in November, return the largest Republican majority ever secured in Gratiot County.

The county ticket nominated at Ithaca Tuesday is a strong one from sheriff to coroner, and is deserving of the hearty support of every Republican voter in the county.

The State tax levy this winter will be \$1,054,328.71 less than last year, when \$1,063,024.52 was raised. The rate this year will be \$1.86 per \$1,000 of valuation, as compared with \$2.53 last year.

The new ordinance prohibiting spitting on the sidewalks in Lansing is a good one, and is being rigidly enforced. This filthy practice should be stopped everywhere. Lounging on the street corners is also tabooed.

CHAS. MIDDAGH, of Kalamazoo, who recently objected to the apparent inquisitiveness of a census enumerator and refused to answer the regular questions asked him, was fined \$5 and \$6 costs by a local justice. He had the choice of paying or boarding with the county for 20 days.

GRATIOT COUNTY certainly has no cause to find fault with the treatment it has received at the hands of the people. With the Hon. A. B. Darragh in the halls of Congress, Hon. T. A. Ely in the State Senate and Hon. J. W. Holmes in the House, Gratiot may feel proud of the honors bestowed upon her.

THERE was considerable politics in the Democratic gubernatorial convention at Grand Rapids Wednesday, but it was a decided victory for the "old liners" over the young Democrats from Kent and Wayne, and Justin S. Stearns was compelled to lay down. The nomination went to W. S. Ferris, of Big Rapids, by a vote of 412 to 329 on the first ballot. The Democrats evidently want an honest ticket, and not a hybrid one, made up of a castoff of the Republican party.

HERE is a bit of advice to women, from good authority. Don't pick out a man for a husband simply because you love him. The most important thing is whether he loves you. A woman who loves her husband better than he does her is a doormat on which he treads. If he loves her better than she does him, he looks up to her as a goddess and spends his life trying to win her favor. A too adoring wife bores a man with her affection, but no woman ever had enough love given her to satisfy her, and the more affection a man lavishes upon her the stronger the claim he establishes. After marriage a thousand things draw a woman's heart to her husband; a thousand things estrange him from her.

Additional Local News

Mrs. W. H. Sanderson is visiting relatives in Greenville this week.

Miss Lucy Best visited with Mrs. L. Clark in Ithaca over Sunday last.

Miss Huralia Hammer left Wednesday for a visit with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Dr. A. F. Briske was in Alma Thursday for the day, returning to Higgins Lake that evening.

Miss Jessie Tucker went to Loomis Thursday to visit with her uncle, M. W. Tucker, for a week.

C. E. Bowen, editor of the Mt. Pleasant Courier, paid the Record office a very pleasant call last Friday.

J. L. Allison left for Springfield, Mo., Wednesday, where he will engage in the construction of telephones.

J. S. Shiner has taken a position with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., as local agent in Alma.

Master Henry King is the proud possessor of a rowboat, which he constructed and has named the "Blackhawk."

Mrs. August Heine and Mrs. Theodore Heine, both of Bay City, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hammer for a week.

J. Major Lehman, treasurer of the Michigan Pharmaceutical Association, will attend the state meeting at Grand Rapids this week.

Geo. Hutschreuther, who formerly had charge of the shoe department of the Hart & Pierce store, has accepted a position with McCormack's department store in Ithaca.

Dr. H. A. Balch, of Detroit, district agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Milwaukee, has been in town working in the interests of that company this week.

Wilbur Nelson went to Saginaw Saturday, where he preached Sunday in the Michigan Ave. Baptist church, on the west side, and in the evening at the First Baptist church on the east side.

A meeting of the Ithaca County Retail Druggists' association, held at Mt. Pleasant last Friday, J. Major Lehman, of Shepherd, was selected to represent the local association at the national meeting to be held at St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 10.

Francis Palmer was called to Owasco last Monday upon a notice that his sister, Mrs. C. P. Curtis, of that city, was at the point of death. He took the first train, but arrived there too late to see his sister alive. Mrs. Curtis was the widow of Rev. Curtis, who died some years ago.

WALKER & RONALD DO BUSINESS.

Open up a Plumbing and General Repair Shop in Alma.

The new plumbing firm of Walker & Ronald opened their doors for business today in the store opposite the postoffice and will conduct plumbing and general repair shop.

Both of these gentlemen are well known in Alma and vicinity. Mr. Walker having been in the business in Alma for 14 years, and Mr. Ronald has been with J. S. Caple & Son for some time. Mr. Walker is a workman of the highest order and the new firm deserve a liberal patronage.

Churches and Societies

Regular meeting of the O. E. S. Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

At the First Baptist church, preaching morning and evening by Rev. Wilbur C. Nelson.

The W. R. C. carpet drawing and supper has been postponed until Friday, Aug. 12. Supper will be served from 5 to 9.

At the M. E. church next Sunday the pastor will discuss the following topics: Morning, "Conscience;" Evening, "Honeycombs."

Next Sunday at St. John's church 10:30 a. m. Litany and Holy Communion; 12:00 noon, Sunday school; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer. All are invited.

Rev. Jay Chize will preach the morning service at the Presbyterian church, Christian Endeavor at 6 o'clock, and on Thursday evening the regular prayer meeting.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will celebrate this evening at the church, the 23rd or silver anniversary of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Michigan.

No Substitute Wanted.

No! I did not ask for a bottle any cheaper or twice as large, or one made by yourselves. I did ask for and will not have any substitute for Perry Davis' Painkiller; I have used it, my father used it and I would not be surprised if my grandparents did so too; there is no imitation that can equal it. That I am sure of—for stomach ache.

EXCURSIONS
VIA THE
PERE MARQUETTE

Saginaw and Bay City Sunday August 14. Rate 65c.

Train will leave Alma at 10:21 a. m. See posters, or ask agent for particulars. H. F. MOELLER, G. P. A.

Low Rate Excursion Via Pere Marquette and Wabash Railroads and D. & B. Route.

Thursday August 18th, to Niagara Falls, to Toronto, Ont., Montreal, Que., Alexandria Bay.

Tickets are good to return for 12 days from date of sale. For rates and particulars see local agents. H. F. MOELLER, G. P. A.

Settlers' Fares to the South and Southeast.

One way, second-class tickets on sale at all stations on first and third Tuesday of each month. Ask agents for particulars. 14-1f

World's Fair, St. Louis.

Round trip tickets at low rates. On sale at all ticket stations. Ask agents for rates, limit of tickets and full particulars. 14-1f

Mail Order Evil and the Home Merchant

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merchant. He has to pay their prices or do without.

"The Record wants people to patronize home industries and help build up the town, when the merchants drive away trade to outside towns. If the home merchants have the welfare of the town at heart, why don't they buy his farm produce at home and give the man that produces it what he ought to have and let the city store take care of itself."

Mr. Fraker must have been mixed in his dates to start with, but the Herald made the following reply: "In brief our correspondent maintains that the farmer has a perfect right to buy of mail order houses in large cities because he can get his goods cheaper, and in the same breath, strange as it may seem, he maintains that merchants in small towns should buy of the farmers, even if it costs them more. This position is inconsistent. If the farmer should buy where he can buy the cheapest, so should the merchant, but the Herald holds with the Record, that it is the mutual advantage of both rural merchant and farmer to deal with each other."

"The value of every farm in Gratiot county is determined in a large degree by its nearness to a good market for produce and a desirable trading point. Take away the towns their stores and grain elevators, and the value of every farm would shrink more than 50 per cent, would in fact become totally unsalable at any price."

"What makes the towns in Gratiot county? Mainly the farmers' patronage, the purchasing and shipping of farm produce and supplying farm necessities. Whatever interferes with this nature of exchange, interferes with the growth and prosperity of the town, and hence with the development and prosperity of the farm, the two must go hand in hand. The village merchant cannot sell goods as cheaply, perhaps, as the big mail order houses, but the goods sold by local merchants are usually of better quality, and even if they cost a little more, we should remember that these merchants, by their enterprise, by furnishing a home market, by building up the nearby town, and thus enhancing the value of real estate, by bearing a large share of taxation, are justly entitled to some returns. The mail order houses may sell their inferior goods a little cheaper in some cases, but the difference, if any, is far more than made up by the increased value of farms and farm produce, due to the market created by the enterprise of our home merchant."

The Record desires to add a word to what has already been said, in an endeavor to convince Mr. Fraker that he is wrong, and we ask all who are of the same mind as our friend to give this their unprejudiced thought.

He asks us to explain why so many patronize mail order houses, but it is so apparent to those who are wise enough to leave them alone that not much of an apology is necessary. These houses thrust their advertising matter on the unsuspecting public and many like our friend are led to buy, expecting to get something for nothing, but like the lady who sends one dollar for ten yards of pure silk, and receives a little spool of silk thread containing ten yards which she could buy of any merchant for three cents, find that they are deceived, humbugged, and the mail order house gets rich at your expense.

They compel the purchaser to pay cash, buy unsight and unseen, and then very often send a second class article at a nearly first class price, while on the other hand the home merchant is often asked to give credit from a week to a year, and expected to sell good goods at mail order house prices.

The Record asks you, and the merchants sustain us, to bring your catalogue to their stores and be convinced that they sell you goods just as cheap as you buy anywhere, quality considered.

Is the home merchant intrusted with \$30 of your money, and relying in his honesty and judgement, requested to send a buggy or furniture according to their description? No, he sends it to the mail order house, and comes to his home merchant and gets trusted for a ten dollar suit of clothes. Can a merchant save his three per cent on that to discount his bill and in that way buy cheaper, and therefore sell cheaper? Why no, he is expected to sell first-class goods at a second-class price.

There isn't a thing that the farmer produces but what the merchant buys, either directly or indirectly. Your eggs, butter, fruit, grain, wool, hay, in fact everything you have to sell is largely consumed in your home town, and you are paid the regular established prices.

Who keeps up our schools? Who maintains our banks? Who does most to keep up the roads so that the farmer may draw their loads to market? The rural merchants are the ones who contribute through taxation and subscription, the most for all these things, and who establish a market and a demand for what the farmer raises.

The great mutual benefit of co-operation between loyal farmers and merchants is hard to over estimate.

ICE BUSINESS SOLD.

E. N. Chadwick has disposed of his ice business to John Fafty, who took possession Monday of this week. The transaction was for cash, and included ice houses, team, wagon and all appurtenances. Mr. Chadwick has conducted the ice business in Alma for 19 years, and retires now only in consequence of ill health. He has built up a good business, and the prestige which goes to the new management is in itself a valuable asset.

Mr. Fafty is also well known here, and has many friends who are glad to know of his enterprise, and he assures us that he will maintain the present high standard of business.

No Longer Than Your Hand

is the spot in your back directly affected by lumbago. But it is big enough to prostrate you until a kind friend rubs Perry Davis' Painkiller into your aching flesh. Then the throbbing pain, which has been as bad as toothache, dies away. Painkiller is equally good in relieving sciatica and the various forms of rheumatism, 25 and 50c bottles.

ORDINATION EXERCISES.

Certificate Was Granted Wilbur C. Nelson to Preach the Gospel.

Wilbur C. Nelson was granted a certificate of ordination by the Saginaw Valley Association at his examination here Friday afternoon. The meeting was opened with the reading of the church missive, the roll call of the churches and delegates, and the selection of Rev. E. M. Blanchard, of St. Louis, as moderator. Rev. H. R. Chapman, of Saginaw, led in prayer, after which the organization of the council was completed by the election of Edgar L. Kilham, of Mt. Pleasant, as clerk. The council as constituted was approved by the Alma church, after which Mr. L. A. Sharp introduced Wilbur C. Nelson to the council for examination. The candidate was then asked to give his christian experience, his call to the ministry, and statements of christian doctrine, after which the council retired to private session, where after prayer by Rev. W. H. Betts, they declared themselves satisfied with the christian experience of the candidate, his call to the ministry, and statements of christian doctrine, and by formal vote set apart brother Wilbur C. Nelson to the gospel ministry, and the result of the deliberations was reported to the congregation. There were eleven churches represented and twenty-six delegates present.

NEW MANAGER FOR BELL.

Elmer Francis has been appointed manager of the Bell Telephone Company in this district to succeed Geo. E. Sharrar, and Assistant Superintendent Geo. Holland, of the Michigan State Telephone Co., is here transferring the office.

Since Mr. Sharrar assumed the entire charge of the drug business, his time is too much occupied to divide his attention.



Kate Watson in "The Hoosier Girl" at the Alma Opera House Thursday Eve., Sept. 1.

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WANTED—Laundry or plain sewing. Drop a card to Mrs. F. A. W., Box 215, Alma, 2p

FOR SALE—A first-class Victor Tiedge Arm Tackling machine to be sold at a bargain. Inquire of Morris Johnson or Phone 120, Union.

HOUSE FOR SALE—We have concluded to sell our nine room and bath room, steam heated, electric lighted, frame house, opposite residence of Mr. Wright and occupied by Mr. Foley. Apply to J. H. Lancashire & Co.

LOST—In Alma last Friday afternoon, a silver watch. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to J. H. Foley.

BULL TERRIER PUP FOR SALE. He is four months old, well bred and handsome, marked. Price \$10.00. Enquire "Coachman," J. H. Lancashire's stable, Alma.

FOR SALE—As I have sold my property here I wish to dispose of all my furniture. It is your opportunity to buy cheap. Inquire of Mrs. Walters, Alma.

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